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SUBJECT: QUESTIONABLE FINANCING OFFER TO GOG

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1. TOOK OPPORUTUNITY PROVIDED BY CALL ON PRESIDENT DECEMBER 8 TO MENTION BRIEFLY RECENT VISIT OF KENNETH F HANSEN (REFTEL) AND HISPOROMISES WITH REGARD TO LONG TERM FINANCING.

2. PRESIDENTS REACTIO WAS INTERESTINGLY MIXED. HE REPORTED THAT HANSEN HAD SHOWN GOG NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS DEMNSOTRATING HIS ASSOCIATION WITH VARIOUS FOUNDATIONS AND FINANCIAL GROUPS, ON BASIS OF WHICH GABONESE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO HIS PROMISES. AT SAME TIME, PRESIDNET ADMITTED THAT OFFERS MADE BY HANSEN SEEMDED " TOO ATTRACTIVE", AND THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED THIS JUDGEMTN TO MINFINANCE OKINDA. NEVERTHELESS, HE AND HIS MINSITERS HAD DECIDED THAT GOG HAD NOTHEING TO LOSE BY TURNING HANSED LOOSE IN SEARCH OF FAVORABLE LONG TERM FINANCING, SO THAT IT WAS ON THIS BASIS THEY SIGNED LETTERS HE IS CARRYING.

3. PRESIDENT WAS AWARE THAT HANSEN HAD ALSO DELAT WITH GOZ, BUT SEEMED TO BE UNDER IMPRESSION (PRESUMABLY LEFT BY HANSEN) THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE HAD ALREADY PRODUCED SOME LOANS FOR ZAIRE. I TOLD PRESIDNET

TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE HE WAS IN SAME RELATIONSHIP TO GOZ
AS TO GOG, IE, EQUIPPED WITH AUTHORIZATION LETTERS AND IN SEARCH
OF PROMISED FUNDS.

4. I CONCLUDED BY REPORTNG TO PRESIDENT THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED
INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON ON HANSENS BONA FIDES, AND BY
PROMISING TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF ANY REPLY RECIEVED. STEIGMAN

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